

# Press Release

## HARFORD COUNTY GOVERNMENT

### Department of Public Works



#### PUBLIC SAFETY

"Ensuring a Safe  
Harford"

#### EDUCATION

"Preparing Now,  
Building for the Future"

#### EFFICIENCY IN GOVERNMENT

"Governing Smarter"

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"Growing and Sustaining  
Harford's Prosperity"

#### ENVIRONMENTAL STEWARDSHIP

"Protecting Our  
Environment"

#### QUALITY LIVING

"Safeguarding What is  
Important to Harford  
County Citizens"

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### **Water Main Break on Route 40 near Aberdeen**

(Aberdeen, MD) - - A contractor working for the State Highway Administration (SHA) on the MD Rt. 715 Interchange at U. S. Rt. 40, struck a major water transmission Saturday morning while excavating for the road project. According to the Harford County Department of Public Works the break was significant and subsequently resulted in the loss of a large quantity of water before the break was isolated. The approximately amount of water lost as a result of the break has not yet been determined.

As of 1:00 p.m. Saturday, August 25, the affected area had been isolated and water levels were rising. Customers in the immediate area where the line was damaged will be without water until repairs are completed later today.

Customers along the U. S. Rt. 40 corridor between Aberdeen and Joppatowne may experience low water pressure for several hours. Additionally, the water may be discolored due to the high rate at which water was moving through the pipe line when the break was actively flowing. The discoloration of water should resolve itself during the next 12 – 18 hours.

No injuries were reported as a result of the break in the water line.

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